

## To Study Merits of French for all Doctorates

TORONTO (CUP) — A "very thorough and serious discussion" on the merits of making French a requirement for all doctoral programs will be undertaken by the University of Toronto's School of Graduate Studies (SGS) at the urging of the academic affairs committee.

The issue surfaced recently during the committee's consideration of routine requests for approval of several minor changes in Ph.D. requirements in library science.

The requirements currently require knowledge of a foreign language only "when a substantial part of the literature of a candidate's research area" is in that language.

However, one professor expressed dismay that the requirements ignore that Canada has two official languages.

"The cop-out is so complete in this country, it is just appalling. You all amaze me!"

Langan moved to have the

changes referred back to the library department "for consideration of the implications for this doctorate of having two official languages in Canada.

"This is the highest degree in library science in a bilingual country," Langan said.

"The holders of this degree should at the very least be able to read the two official languages."

SGS dean, James Ham, said the library policy was in line with recent trends in graduate studies.

"In my own experience, I have seen the requirements for other languages decrease from two to one to optional," he said.

"But the issue may well rebound to the point it was at when I was a student and I needed two other languages in engineering."

Several members of the committees, including university provost, Donald Chant, and president, John Evans, expressed concern that the motion to refer back would hold up desirable

changes sought in the proposal, but not affect the current language policy.

As a result the committee settled on a motion approving the desired changes but "expresses concern" over the language requirement.

It asks the library science department to consider making French a Ph. D. requirement and asks SGS to consider it as a school-wide policy.

## Tax Concessions Benefit U.S.

OTTAWA (CUP-CPA) — Increasing tax concessions to business won't add much stimulus to the Canadian economy, according to a recent report from the C.D. Howe Institute.

A study prepared by two Institute economists disputes traditional thinking that tax breaks for business will necessarily result in increased investment

and jobs.

"Tax breaks are unlikely to be the major determinants of investment" the authors say, and "in a stagnant economy, or one fraught with uncertainties, any positive impact from further concessions is likely to be quite limited."

The effect of business tax incentives, they say, is especially limited in Canada, not just

because of the present excess industrial capacity, but also because of the high degree of foreign ownership of the economy.

Tax reductions in Canada only serve to benefit U.S. investors, and if tax rate falls below U.S. tax rates then the U.S. Treasury picks up the difference anyway, the report notes.

"From the Canadian standpoint, this has the effect of reducing the incentive effect of tax concessions" the authors state, urging a "fundamental reassessment" of Canadian tax concessions to business.

## Playing I Spy In The Sky

WASHINGTON D.C. (ENS-CUP) — The U.S. Pentagon has begun developing space war satellites in response to reports that the Soviet Union has resumed testing of "hunter-killer" satellites, a remote-controlled spacecraft which blows itself up, destroying its opponent in the process.

The defense department is currently working on a satellite which could sound an alarm if

approached by an enemy satellite and could trigger a second alarm if attacked. The satellite could also fire a powerful blast at an adversary satellite if it came too close.

According to the Washington Post the Pentagon claims the Soviet "hunter-killer" satellite could wipe out the entire US space communications system within a week.

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If they persist, if they make you feel like some dim-wit robot programmed by someone else, maybe you should bless the questions, take advantage of the time-out, and think.

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